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Yours truly,

Secretary.

Copy to President Jewett

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My dear Hutchinson:-

Accept my thanks for yours of January 3. I was under the impression that Dr. E. D. Adams would not let the matter rest; but his kind suggestion to me carried with it, I felt, an obligation on my part to "follow through," as I am now doing. Meantime I had sent a copy of my Jewett letter to Mr. C. R. Clarke, of Schenectady, who was, as you well know, Chairman for five years of the Edison Medal Committee. I am glad to say he sends me his approval, as follows: "I endorse fully."


I want to insist quietly on my point that the "award" is in arrears one year. It may be a casuistical question of "terminology." The Medal Committee simply votes to award the medal; and if the man selected would rather not have it, an "award" in my judgment has not taken place. The whole proceeding becomes nul and void - indeed, some discredit has been thrown on the honor that should be removed by filling the gap.

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C O P Y


SUBJECT: Edison Medal.

January 3, 1923

Mr. T. C. Martin
Twinbrook Farm
Ringville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Martin:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant on the above subject, transmitting your letter of the same date to Dr. Jewett, which I am forwarding to him today, together with a copy of this.

You will be interested in knowing that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held December 8, Chairman Adams presented the report of his committee, and a ~~motion~~ motion was adopted authorizing the President to appoint a committee to confer with Chairman Adams and other members of his committee with reference to the various matters referred to in your letter. Accordingly, President Jewett has appointed as this conference committee, Messrs. W. I. Slichter (Chairman), N. W. Storer, and Farley Osgood.

I note that you are under the impression that the award of the medal is a year in arrears. This is not the case, as an award has been made each year; but, as you know, the award was declined by Edward Weston and it was accordingly officially cancelled by the Edison Medal Committee. There is no provision in the by-laws, however, for making a substitute award; consequently, in the ordinary course of events the next award will be made in December 1923. (I assume that you are aware of the recent award to Dr. Robert A. Millikan.)

With the best wishes for the coming year, I am

Very truly yours

F. B. Hutchinson
Secretary.

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